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SUBJ: MAPUTO MEETING: NAMIBIA ASPECTS

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1. GUYANAN AMBASSADOR, CEDRIC GRANT, WHO WILL REPRESENT GUYANA AT MAPUTO CONFERENCE, REQUESTED A RUNDOWN ON NAMIBIA TALKS MAY 10. GRANT SEEMED WELL INFORMED ABOUT RESULTS OF CONTACT GROUPS DISCUSSIONS IN CAPETOWN. HE HAD TALKED WITH LOCAL SWAPO FOLLOWING LOCAL CONTACT GROUP'S BRIEFING (REFTEL A) AND HAD RECEIVED SOME REPORTS ON CAPETOWN TALKS FROM NEW YORK. WE GAVE THE AMBASSADOR A RUNDOWN ON THE NAMIBIA TALKS BASED ON REFTEL B, STRESSING THAT THEY OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT IN A POLITICAL PROCESS IN WHICH SWAPO COULD COMPETE FAIRLY FOR POLITICAL POWER.

2. AMBASSADOR GRANT RAISED THE INEVITABLE QUESTION ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF SOUTH AFRICA AS AN INTERLOCUTOR. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT SWAPO WOULD TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF CONVINCING.
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SWAPO'S LEADERSHIP, HE SAID, TENDED TO BELIEVE THAT A MAGIC WAND WOULD ONE DAY BE WAVED AND SWAPO WOULD FIND ITSELF IN POWER IN NAMIBIA WITHOUT ANY NEED OF SWAPO INVOLVING ITSELF IN POLITICAL COMPROMISES.

COMMENT: AMBASSADOR GRANT HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH SWAPO. HE SEEMED IMPRESSED BY THE ARGUMENT THAT THE

CONTACT GROUP'S WORK IN CAPETOWN HAS OPENED THE DOOR FOR
SWAPO TO COMPETE FAIRLY FOR POLITICAL POWER IN NAMIBIA.
SUGGEST US DELEGATION TO MAPUTO MEETING MIGHT FIND GRANT A
USEFUL POINT OF CONTACT.
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